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Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Add claim 55.

-- 55. An oral brush suitable for massaging the gums, comprising:
an elongated handle;
a head portion, sized for insertion into a human mouth, extending from an end of said
handle;

a brush portion comprising

(a) a plurality of first bristles extending from said head portion, said first bristles
comprising a thermoplastic elastomer having a Shore A hardness of 30 or greater and a
flexural modulus of at least 5 MPa, said thermoplastic elastomer comprising a polyolefin
elastomer, and

(b) a plurality of non-elastomeric bristles extending from said head portion.--

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